

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 7/23/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4, 5, 7 and 8.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Zoltan Egeresi on 9/27/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

The title of the invention has been changed to --Toilet odor blocking and bidet system with water inline T-adapter--.

Claim 6 has been canceled.

Claims 4, 5, 7 and 8 have been amended as follows:

-- 4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus that blocks toilet odor in a toilet by dispensing bubbles to the toilet bowl comprising:

an air pump that generates air pressure;

a water inlet that provides water;

a liquid substance capable of creating bubbles;

a mixing tube that combines the air, water and liquid substance that creates bubbles;

a tube that injects the bubbles into the toilet bowl;

a valve that controls the water pressure of the water inlet;

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an elevated nozzle on the tube that injects the bubbles into the toilet bowl;

wherein a bidet ~~capability~~ function is provided by adjusting the valve to add extra water pressure that dilutes the amount of liquid substance that creates ~~capable of creating~~ bubbles and thereby reduces the quantity of bubbles from the mixing tube resulting in mostly water exiting the elevated nozzle; and

wherein the odor from the human Waste is blocked by the layer of bubbles.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 4 where the liquid substance capable of creating bubbles is a liquid soap.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 4 further comprising:

an inline water T-adapter having a captive female bullock type threading ~~capable of fitting to the~~ for receiving a toilet valve with via a washer, ~~having a~~ male bullock type threading on the lower end ~~capable to be fitted with~~ for connecting to a toilet tank hoses hose with a via a second washer, ~~having and~~ a compressure type fitting in the center to act as an extra outlet;

wherein a continuous source of water can be used to provide a continuous layer of odor blocking bubbles.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 4 further comprising:

an inline water T-adapter having a captive female bullock type threading ~~capable of fitting to the~~ for receiving a toilet valve with via a washer, ~~having a~~ male bullock type

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threading on the lower end ~~capable to be fitted with~~ for connecting to a toilet tank hoses
hose with a via a second washer, ~~having~~ and a compressure type fitting in the center to
act as an extra outlet;

wherein a continuous source of water can be used to provide continuous water
exiting the elevated nozzle ~~for~~ to provide the bidet function ~~capability~~. --.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to Tuan N. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-
4892. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (10:00-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
supervisor, Gregory Huson can be reached on (571) 272-4887. The fax phone number
for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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